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MOUNT BALDY FIRE NEAR NEW HARMONY IS 100% CONTAINED

NEW HARMONY, UTAH – The Mount Baldy Fire, which has been burning in the Pine Valley Mountains Wilderness above the town of New Harmony since August 12, is one hundred percent contained. This means that firefighters have been successful in completing a fire line around the fire to stop further spread. Crews are hopeful that the fire will be completely controlled – all remaining hot areas on the interior put out – by August 18. The fire was lightning caused.

“Fire crews have done great work to quickly contain and control the Mount Baldy Fire,” said Bevan Killpack, Pine Valley District Ranger. “We understand the concerns expressed by citizens of New Harmony about fire above the town after last year’s Mill Flat Fire. Our crews have worked hard to safely suppress this fire while it remained on the top of the mountain in an area easily accessible to crews.”

Upon discovery, fire managers considered a variety of management options but decided to suppress the fire due to its location on the mountain, the heavy fuels present, and time of the year. Suppression crews included a Type 3 helicopter and 29 firefighters. Crews employed Minimum Impact Suppression Techniques (MIST) to suppress the fire and maintain the wilderness character. The fire has been burning in dead and down timber mixed with aspen and Douglas-fir. The fire burned 2.5 acres prior to being contained.

For more information about wildfire in the state of Utah, visit www.utahfireinfo.gov.

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